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I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listing of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A table comprising:

a table top having a top surface and a bottom surface;

a mounting structure centrally disposed on the bottom surface of the table top, the mounting structure including a first generally C-shaped portion including an elongated center section with a first end, a second end and an at least substantially planar attachment surface that is disposed generally perpendicular to the bottom surface of the table top, a first end portion connected to the first end of the elongated central portion and a second end portion connected to the second end of the elongated central portion, and a second generally C-shaped portion including an elongated center section with a first end, a second end and an at least substantially planar attachment surface that is disposed generally perpendicular to the bottom surface of the table top, a first end portion connected to the first end of the elongated central portion and a second end portion connected to the second end of the elongated central portion;

a central box-like region disposed in the bottom surface of the table top and being defined by the elongated center sections, the first end portions and the second end portions of the first and second generally C-shaped portions;

a support assembly at least partially connected to the mounting structure, the support assembly comprising:

a first elongated support member including an at least substantially planar

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attachment surface that is attached to the at least substantially planar attachment surface of the center section of the first generally C-shaped portion of the mounting structure, a first end of the first elongated support member being disposed proximate the first end of the center section of the first generally C-shaped portion and a second end of the first elongated support member being disposed proximate the second end of the center section of the first generally C-shaped portion;

a second elongated support member including an at least substantially planar attachment surface that is attached to the at least substantially planar attachment surface of the center section of the second generally C-shaped portion of the mounting structure, the second support member being spaced apart from the first support member, a first end of the second elongated support member being disposed proximate the first end of the center section of the second generally C-shaped portion and a second end of the second elongated support member being disposed proximate the second end of the center section of the second generally C-shaped portion; and

a first connecting member connected to a center section of the first support member and a center section of the second support member, the first connecting member being disposed inwardly and away from the first end of the center section of the first support member and the first end of the center section of the second support member;

a first leg connected to the table top and movable between a use position and a

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storage position; and

a first support brace including a first portion and a second portion, the first portion being attached to the first leg and the second portion being attached to the first connecting member of the support assembly;

wherein no portion of the mounting structure is disposed between the first elongated support member and the second elongated support member of the support assembly;

wherein no portion of the mounting structure contacts the first connecting member of the support assembly between the first elongated support member and the second elongated support member of the support assembly; and

wherein the bottom surface of the table top disposed between the first generally C-shaped portion and the second generally C-shaped portion of the mounting structure has a generally planar configuration with no outwardly extending portions.

2. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein a body of the first connecting member is completely disposed between the first elongated support member and the second elongated support member.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

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5. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the mounting structure is formed integrally with the table top.

6. (Original) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the table top is formed of blow-molded plastic.

7. (Original) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the mounting structure is formed of blow-molded plastic.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The table as in claim 1, further comprising a second connecting member connected to a center section of the first support member and a center section of the second support member, the second connecting member being disposed inwardly and away from the second end of the ~~center section of the~~ first support member and the second end of the ~~center section of the~~ second support member;

a second leg connected to the table top and movable between a use position and a storage position; and

a second support brace including a first portion and a second portion, the first portion being attached to the second leg and the second portion being attached to the second connecting member of the support assembly.

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10. (Currently Amended) A table comprising:

a table top including a top portion and a bottom portion;

a table frame attached to the table top, the table frame including a first elongated frame member and a second elongated frame member;

a first leg assembly attached to the first elongated frame member and the second elongated frame member, the first leg assembly being movable between a use position and a storage position relative to the table top;

a second leg assembly attached to the first elongated frame member and the second elongated frame member, the second leg assembly being movable between a use position and a storage position relative to the table top;

a mounting structure formed in the bottom surface of the table top, the mounting structure comprising:

a first generally C-shaped portion including an elongated center section with an at least substantially planar attachment surface that is disposed generally perpendicular to the bottom portion of the table top, a first end portion connected to a first end of the elongated central portion and a second end portion connected to a second end of the elongated central portion;

a second generally C-shaped portion including an elongated center section with an at least substantially planar attachment surface that is disposed generally perpendicular to the bottom portion of the table top, a first end portion connected to a first end of the elongated central portion and a second end portion connected to a second end of the elongated central portion; and

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a central box-like region disposed in the bottom surface of the table top and defined by the elongated center sections, the first end portions and the second end portions of the first and second generally C-shaped portions;
a support assembly at least partially disposed between the first leg assembly and the second leg assembly, the support assembly comprising:

a first elongated support member including a first end, a second end and an at least substantially planar attachment surface that is attached to the at least substantially planar attachment surface of the elongated center section of the first generally C-shaped portion of the mounting structure;

a second elongated support member including a first end, a second end and an at least substantially planar attachment surface that is attached to the at least substantially planar attachment surface of the elongated center section of the first generally C-shaped portion of the mounting structure, the second elongated support member being spaced apart from the first support member; and

a first connecting member connected to the first support member and the second support member, a portion of the first connecting member being disposed in a first opening of the first elongated support member and a portion of the first connecting member being disposed in a first opening of the second elongated support member, the first opening of the first elongated support member being disposed away from and spaced apart from the first end and the second end of the first elongated support member, the first opening of the second elongated support member being disposed away from and spaced apart from the first end and the

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second end of the second elongated support member; and

a second connecting member connected to the first support member and the second support member, a portion of the second connecting member being disposed in a second opening of the first elongated support member and a portion of the second connecting member being disposed in a second opening of the second elongated support member, the second opening of the first elongated support member being disposed away from and spaced apart from the first end and the second end of the first elongated support member, the second opening of the second elongated support member being disposed away from and spaced apart from the first end and the second end of the second elongated support member; and

a first support brace connected to the first leg assembly and the first connecting member of the support assembly;

wherein no portion of the mounting structure is disposed between the first elongated support member and the second elongated support member of the support assembly;

wherein no portion of the mounting structure is disposed between the first connecting member and the second connecting member of the support assembly; and

wherein the bottom surface of the table top disposed between the first generally C-shaped portion and the second generally C-shaped portion of the mounting structure has a generally planar configuration with no outwardly extending portions.

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11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 10, wherein the mounting structure is further comprising: ~~a first mounting structure~~ integrally formed in the bottom portion of the table top, ~~the first mounting structure having a generally C-shaped configuration including an elongated central portion with a first end and a second end, the first elongated support member of the support assembly being connected to the elongated central portion of the first mounting structure; and a second mounting structure integrally formed in the bottom portion of the table top, the second mounting structure having a generally C-shaped configuration including an elongated central portion with a first end and a second end, the second elongated support member of the support assembly being connected to the elongated central portion of the second mounting structure.~~

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13. (Currently Amended) A table comprising:

a table top constructed from blow-molded plastic, the table top including an upper portion and a lower portion;

a table frame connected to the table top, the table frame including a first frame member and a second frame member;

a first leg assembly movable between a use position and a storage position relative to the table top;

a second leg assembly movable between a use position and a storage position relative to the table top;

a mounting structure formed in the lower portion of the table top, the mounting structure comprising:

a first generally C-shaped portion including an elongated center section with an at least substantially planar attachment portion that is disposed generally perpendicular to the lower portion of the table top, a first end portion connected to a first end of the elongated central portion and a second end portion connected to a second end of the elongated central portion;

a second generally C-shaped portion including an elongated center section with an at least substantially planar attachment portion that is disposed generally perpendicular to the lower portion of the table top, a first end portion connected to a first end of the elongated central portion and a second end portion connected to a second end of the elongated central portion; and

a central box-like region defined by the elongated center sections, the first

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end portions and the second end portions of the first and second generally C-shaped portions;

a support assembly at least partially disposed between the first leg assembly and the second leg assembly, the support assembly comprising:

a first support member including an at least substantially planar attachment portion that is connected to the at least substantially planar attachment portion of the first generally C-shaped portion of the mounting structure, a first end of the first support member being disposed at least proximate the first end of the attachment portion of the first mounting structure, a second end of the first support member being disposed at least proximate the second end of the attachment portion of the first mounting structure;

a second support member including an at least substantially planar attachment portion that is connected to the at least substantially planar attachment portion of the second generally C-shaped portion of the mounting structure, a first end of the second support member being disposed at least proximate the first end of the attachment portion of the second mounting structure, a second end of the second support member being disposed at least proximate the second end of the attachment portion of the second mounting structure;

a first connecting member connected to the first support member and the second support member of the support assembly, a portion of the first connecting member being disposed in a first opening of the first support member and a portion of the first connecting member being disposed in a first opening of the

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second support member, the first opening of the first elongated support member being disposed away from and spaced apart from the first end of the first elongated support member, the first opening of the second elongated support member being disposed away from and spaced apart from the first end of the second elongated support member; and

a second connecting member connected to the first support member and the second support member of the support assembly, a portion of the second connecting member being disposed in a second opening of the first support member and a portion of the second connecting member being disposed in a second opening of the second support member, the second opening of the first elongated support member being disposed away from and spaced apart from the second end of the first elongated support member, the second opening of the second elongated support member being disposed away from and spaced apart from the second end of the second elongated support member;

a first support brace connected to the first leg assembly and the first connecting member of the support assembly; and

a second support brace connected to the second leg assembly and the second connecting member of the support assembly;

wherein no portion of the mounting structure is disposed between the first support member and the second support member of the support assembly;

wherein no portion of the mounting structure is disposed between the first connecting member and the second connecting member of the support assembly; and

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wherein the bottom surface of the table top disposed between the first generally C-shaped portion and the second generally C-shaped portion of the mounting structure has a generally planar configuration with no outwardly extending portions.

14. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in claim 13, wherein the first support member, the second support member, the first connecting member and the second connecting member are constructed from metal.

15. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in claim 13, wherein the first generally C-shaped mounting structure has an elongated body, a first end and a second end; and wherein the second generally C-shaped mounting structure has an elongated body, a first end and a second end.

16. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in claim 15, wherein the attachment portion of the first mounting structure includes an inner surface of the elongated body; and

wherein the attachment portion of the second mounting structure includes an inner surface of the elongated body.